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PATENT APPLICATION

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LETTER

The Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

On January 31, 2002, applicant filed a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment in this application.

On Monday, April 22, 2002, I received a telephone call from Examiner Patel. He called to question the filing of the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. He said that the application was allowed and a Notice of Allowability was mailed out in October of 2001. I told Examiner Patel that we have never received a Notice of Allowance or any other paper indicating that the application has been allowed. Following my conversation with Examiner Patel, I checked the file and discovered that we had received a Notice of

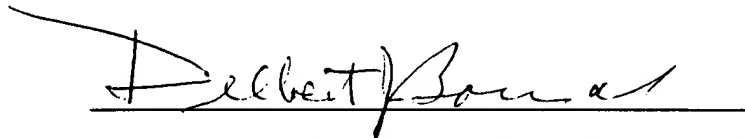
Publication Fee Due that was dated January 2, 2002. I checked and we paid this fee on April 8, 2002.

It is noted that the Notice of Publication Fee Due states that "-- the application has been allowed -- ." The Notice of Publication Fee Due was the only paper found in the file that was received by us since October of 2001. The file does not contain a Notice of Allowance or a Notice of Allowability.

The purpose of this letter is to make a written record of the telephone conversation that I had with Examiner Patel on Monday, April 22, 2002.

Respectfully submitted:

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Delbert J. Barnard", is written over a horizontal line.

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